

JAPAN NOW
CONFESSES.Official Statement Regarding
the Slaughter of Chinese
at Port Arthur.

WORLD'S REPORT CONFIRMED

Japanese Government Deplores
the Massacre as a National
Misfortune.

VICTORS GLUT VENGEANCE.

Mikado's Ministers Take Steps to
Thoroughly Investigate the
Horrible Affair.Copyright, 1894, by the Press Publishing Com-
pany, New York.TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 16.—The following
statement is authorized for publication in
The World by Mr. Mutsaers, the Japanese
Minister of Foreign Affairs."The Japanese Government desires no
concealment of the events at Port Ar-
thur. On the contrary, it is investi-
gating rigidly for the purpose of fixing
the exact responsibility and is taking
measures essential to the reputation of
the empire.""From the beginning of the war every
conceivable precaution has been taken
to guard against excesses. The dis-
covery that discipline was unavailing
in this instance shocks and grieves
both the civil and military authorities.
The facts thus far gathered show
conclusively:"First, that the Japanese troops,
transported with rage at the mutila-
tion of their comrades by the enemy,
broke through all restraints.""Second, that, further exasperated by
the wholesale attempts at escape dis-
guised as citizens, they inflicted ven-
geance without discrimination.""Third, that the detection on suc-
cessive days of repeated Chinese atrocities
kindled the fury and provoked from
acts of violence.""The Japanese Government deplores
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GRESHAM THANKS THE WORLD

Gives More News from Port Arthur
than Government Despatches.(Special to The World.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The cable
from the Japanese Government to The
World was a revelation to the govern-
ment of the United States.Secretary of State Gresham gave un-
disguised expression of astonishment at
its contents and expressed the warmest
thanks to The World for putting him in
possession of important news from the
Orient.After he had carefully read over the
cable, a copy of which was shown him
by The World correspondent to-night,
Mr. Gresham said:"That contains more information re-
garding the events that occurred imme-
diately after the fall of Port Arthur
than is in the possession of the State
Department, and I am almost equal-
ly certain of the Navy Department. We
have heard absolutely nothing of the
nature of this cable.""There can now be no question that there
was much more disorder at Port Arthur
than we have been made aware of. The
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and misleading manner."of Mr. Friedman announcing the slaugh-
ter of the Chinese by the Japanese at
Port Arthur was cabled in full from this
city to the Japanese Government on the
day on which it appeared. Up to to-
night Minister Kurino, who asked that
this statement be published in The World,
had not received any communication from
the Japanese Government. The fact that the
Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs
had communicated directly with The
World in answer surprised the Japanese
Legation.JAPAN'S FIRST COMMUNICATION
TO A NEWSPAPER."This is the first time the Japanese
Government has seen fit to communi-
cate on matters concerning the war to
the public by newspaper. The cable
which The World has received shows
that there was more disorder at Port
Arthur than we knew of. It shows
also that the reported brutalities were
the acts of exasperated soldiers who at
times could not be controlled by their
officers.""People in this country cannot realize
what the Japanese soldiers have had to
contend with in fighting a barbarous
war. This is a war of civilization against
barbarism. The Japanese from the out-
set have conducted strictly to the
stages of modern warfare. They have
met with the most obstinate resistance
at the hands of the Chinese, and up to
this time had refrained from retal-
iating."As stated in these despatches to The
World, while the Japanese treaty
pending in the Senate has been laid
aside until the news of the atrocities of
Port Arthur was known, the Japanese
World has been officially investigated
and reported upon. The corroborated
evidence given by the Japanese Minis-
ter of Foreign Affairs to-day will unquestionably
affect the progress of the treaty.

JAPS WILL TAKE PEKIN.

Chinese Think They Will Surely
Be There by Spring.SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—K. F. Lee,
a native of China, graduate of Yale,
Secretary and interpreter for the Chinese
Minister at Washington during President
Cleveland's first administration, has just
returned from his native land. He says
that the Chinese are not exasperated
and stupidly of China during the war, which
he predicts will not cease until the Jap-
anese army marches into Peking this win-
ter, or at the latest next Spring.By that time, he says, China will be
completely vanquished. He ascribes
China's defeat to the corruption of the
officials who have stolen millions of dollars.

GOLIATH SHADOWED.

Detectives Follow Italy's Ex-Pre-
mier into the Country.ROME, Dec. 17.—The political crisis
continues to absorb public attention. Ex-
Premier Giolitti has gone into the coun-
try where he is followed and watched by
detectives. There is no doubt that the
news of the proroguing of Parliament
has created a feeling of uneasiness
out Italy. It is interpreted as indicat-
ing that Premier Crispien intends to re-
main in power in spite of the opposi-
tion.LONDON, Dec. 17.—The correspondent
of The Times at Rome telegraphs: "The
President of the Committee appointed to
examine documents furnished to the
Chamber of Deputies by ex-Premier
Minister Giolitti assures me that the
Committee was unanimous in its
opinion that there was nothing new in
the documents. The whole thing was a
sham. The fabrication intended to force
a political crisis. The wife of Premier
Crispien will bring a libel action in
her own name."A despatch to The Chronicle from
Rome says that the Marquis di Rudini
and Signor Brin, Zanardelli, Calvo-
telli and other members of the govern-
ment have been asked to issue a
joint manifesto to electors protesting
against the prorogation of Parliament.

ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY BILL

Introduced in the Reichstag and
Debate Adjourned.BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Dr. Nieberling,
Imperial Secretary of Justice, introduced
the Anti-Revolutionary bill in the Reich-
stag today. He said it was not in-
tended to muzzle public opinion, nor was
it a disguised Anti-Socialist law, but it
was directed against excesses of a crim-
inal nature and against the work of
revolutionists who were seeking to
undermine the State.The introduction of the Socialists
was so frequent and of such an excit-
ing nature that the President of the
Reichstag, Herr von Liebowitz, was
compelled several times to call them to
order. Dr. Nieberling then produced a
revolutionary broadsheet, which he as-
serted, was intended for circulation in
the barracks of the soldiers. He added:
"The aim of our opponents can only
be obtained by overthrowing all order,
and I trust the majority of the House
will support the Government against its
enemies, who deny everything sacred to
the people."Debate on the bill was adjourned until
Jan. 8.

English Cauter for Ogden Golet.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Messrs. Hansen &
Sons, of Cowes, have launched a ten-
ty-four-foot racing cutter for Mr. Ogden
Golet, of New York. Mr. Golet will
shortly start on another trip in the
yacht White Lady, which he chartered
from Mrs. Langtry.

Senior Salvador Resigns.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A despatch from Madrid
to The Times says that, as a result of an
interview Prime Minister Sagasta had to-day with
the Minister of Finance, was resigned. His
resignation would accept no other changes in the
Ministry.

FAYERWEATHER WILL UPSET.

Justice Truxex Decides in Favor of
the Plaintiffs.Justice Truxex, in the Supreme Court,
today handed down a decision in the
case of Fayerweather vs. Truxex, and the
decision is in favor of the plaintiffs.
The case involves the whole disposition of
the estate, which is worth about \$50,000.The Justice decides that he estate must
be divided according to the ninth and
tenth clauses of the will. The ninth clause
gives the estate to the three executors, Rich,
Vaughan and Bulkeley, never received any money
absolutely, but that they received it in
trust. They could not give it away un-
less the deed of gift because they regularly
never had it.

Join the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Daville (Va.)
Register, one of the most influential papers
of the State, has signed a contract with the
Associated Press, and will receive its news
service by leased wire. It abandons the Southern
Associated Press, of which organization it has
been a member.

Kash Work on the Cruiser.

Orders were received at the Brooklyn Navy-
yard from Washington this morning, to rush
work on the flagship New York. The ship
is in shape, she will sail for the West
Indies.

Dwyer's Fine Point.

Novel Demurrer to Gideon's Suit
for \$50,000 for Slander.Referred to the Horseman as a
Sportsman, Not as a Breeder.Therefore, He Contends, His Charges
of Crookedness Did No Injury.Justice Barrett, in the Supreme Court,
to-day heard argument upon the de-
murrer filed by Philip H. Dwyer, Presi-
dent of the Brooklyn Jockey Club, in
the suit that David Gideon has brought
against him to recover \$50,000 damages
for slander. The ground is that the
complaint does not contain sufficient
allegations.The trouble which resulted in the suit
arose over the alleged fouling of Gideon's
horse Ramapo by Jockey Sims, who rode
Michael Dwyer's horse, the Banquet, in a
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the head, causing him to swerve and lose
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Country, Says the Mayor.The corner-stone of the Ninth Regi-
ment's new armory in Fourteenth street,
between Sixth and Seventh avenues, was
laid this morning by Mayor Gilroy, sup-
ported by the Armory Board and civil
and military officials.The religious features were conducted
by Rev. Newland Maynard, chaplain of
the regiment.Among those present were: Col. Wil-
liam Seward, Lieut.-Col. Thomas B.
Rand, Adj. Gen. George A. S. Wiener,
Major S. E. Japhet, Major George W.
Lorigan, Adj. Gen. George J. Hardy, Adj.
William H. Truman and Major A. H.
Doty.After bugle solos performed by the
regimental trumpeter, Dr. Maynard read
a prayer and Mayor Gilroy laid the
corner-stone.Mr. Gilroy said that in the past ten
years his big armories had been built
for the National Guard in New York
City, at a total cost of \$4,000,000. He
had in various public capacities attend-
ed the opening ceremonies of five
of them, and Mayor was laying
the second corner-stone.He remarked that no standing army
was needed in America, that the
militia in the popular form it as-
sumes here was a tower of strength
that was not to be despised abroad and
that the armory for its equipment
of the citizen soldiery, but paid
88 per cent. of the militia expenses
throughout the State.